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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, NATO, UK

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SELECTION OF GENERAL HAIG AS SACEUR

1. MAJOR BRITISH MORNING PAPERS CARRY PROMINENT REPORTS  
THAT GENERAL HAIG EITHER HAS BEEN SELECTED OR IS BEING  
CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS SACEUR. CITING "AUTHOR-  
TATIVE ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS" OR KNOWLEDGEABLE US  
PRESS/TV SOURCES THAT THE APPOINTMENT IS IMMINENT, MOST  
ACCOUNTS SPECULATE THAT -- NOTWITHSTANDING GENERAL HAIG'S  
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POLITICAL AND MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS -- THE NOMINATION  
WOULD LIKELY ENCOUNTER WIDESPREAD OPPOSITION AS A RESULT  
OF HIS CLOSE TIES TO FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON.

2. THE FINANCIAL TIMES, IN AN ITEM DATED LINED BRUSSELS,  
ECHOES THE INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE'S REPORT THAT THE  
DUTCH ARE PARTICULARLY UPSET BY THE PROSPECT OF A HAIG  
APPOINTMENT AND HAVE BEGUN TO SOUND OUT THEIR EUROPEAN  
ALLIES ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT OPPOSITION TO THE  
PROPOSED NOMINATION. A KNOWLEDGEABLE FCO OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF  
THIS MORNING THAT, WHILE SOME SUCH DUTCH INITIATIVE  
MAY BE IN PROSPECT, HMG HAS NOT AS YET BEEN APPROACHED. SOHM

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